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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE**

May 31, 2000

Re: Our file: 11782-01  
Invention: A NEW PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID AND  
HOMOGENEOUS MIXING OF FLUIDS IN CONTINUOUS  
OPERATIONS  
Application No.: 09/283,198  
Filed: April 1, 1999  
Country: United States  
Inventor: Fielder et al.  
Examiner: David L. Sorkin  
Art Unit: 1723  
Due Date: JUNE 2, 2000

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
U.S.A. 20231

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Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant respectfully acknowledges receipt of office action dated March 2, 2000 and responds as follows:

**Amendment to Claims**

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests amendment to the following claims without the addition of new subject matter. Deletions therefrom are shown in square parentheses while additions thereto are underlined.

Examiner states that claims 1 and 2 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. Claim 2 is specifically rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.